



# The Montrose Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter of the Montrose United Methodist Church

*"Joyfully to love all, Serve all*

*and to share Jesus Christ with the world!"*

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**March 2018 Edition**



## **Palm Sunday – March 25 - Worship & Pancake Brunch**

Worship for Palm Sunday is the kick-off to Holy Week – remembering the events of Jesus' last few days with his disciples before his death. We begin worship outside on the steps and sidewalk on the corner of Park and 1st – we will publically proclaim for the town that we too sing Hosanna to our Lord. A procession with palms up the ramp and steps to the sanctuary remind us of the road to Jerusalem Jesus traveled.



**Family Ministries is hosting a Pancake Brunch this morning from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Baldridge Hall! ALL are welcome to come eat! Donations will be accepted for Family Ministries to help provide low and no-cost events.**

## **Holy Thursday – March 29 – Worship 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

This worship service recalls the last supper Jesus had with his disciples in the upper room. The place he calls one of them betrayer – the place he gives the instructions for breaking bread, "do this in remembrance of me". We will break bread with one another and take Holy Communion.

## **Good Friday – March 30 – Worship 7 p.m. in Baldridge Hall**

Tonight we will worship in the round! We remember the suffering of Christ – the very end of the journey to the cross – the pain, sorrow and darkness we know does not have the final word, but must be endured to fully reveal the light of Easter morning. Join us for a new and meaningful worship.

## **Easter – April 1 – Worship 8:15, 9:45, and 11:15 a.m.**

Death does not have the final word! Easter morning brings the light of a Risen Christ – our Lord and Savior – redeeming the broken and hurting world. Join us for a glorious morning or worship with prayer, song, light and love!

# Pastor Lisa's Lines

Lent is well underway and our six weeks will be over so quickly. During Lent, I have most often taken on the discipline of giving something up. Past years have been: Television, social media, texting, alcohol, sweets, unnecessary spending and more. This year I'm trying something different. This year I have given up giving into anxiety.

We all have moments that overwhelm us and when we feel stress or anxiousness creep in. We all have situations that unnerve us. There are times when I am capable of thinking the worst of a situation or person, and be swept

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away by my own anxiety. So, I've given it up. This is, of course, easier said than done. When I feel myself starting to make up the worst case, I have a conversation with myself that looks something like this:

Head: *It's going to be disastrous!*

Heart: *Everything will be as it needs to be, no matter what.*

Head: *But, this is not good.*

Heart: *No, but it's not the worst thing in the world. Trust that God is at work, and you don't have to take on the world.*

Head: *Are you sure? I'd feel a bit better if I could panic a little bit.*

Heart: *Yes, I am sure. God loves you, Jesus saved you, and you just have to love people...and breathe.*

Head: *Ok. I'm breathing, and I'll keep working on the loving people thing.*

I have given up giving in to the chaos, anxiety and the uncertain. As I continue to read through Magrey deVega's book,

“Embracing the Uncertain”, our All Church Book study book for Lent, I am reminded that ALL of life is uncertain. Embracing it may be the best thing I can do for myself and for those around me.

In the gospels we see time and again that Jesus reminds us there is no way to add time or blessing to our life by worrying.

*“Which of you, by being anxious, can add one moment to his lifespan?” - Matthew 6:27 (World English Translation)*

So I continue to lean into the uncomfortable spaces of the uncertainty of life and pray that you may also. As we continue our journey with Jesus, to the cross, may we seek his wisdom and example in all that we do.

See you in Worship,

*Lisa*

Pastor Lisa

## **Easter Vigil—36 Hour Bible Reading, March 30-April 1**

The evening of March 30, Good Friday, is the start of our traditional 36- hour Easter vigil at MUMC in which we conduct a non-stop reading of the Bible that begins at the close of the Good Friday service and continues until the start of the Easter Sunday Celebration. “Readers” read for one hour each, and “witnesses” are present for two-hour shifts. Being a vigil witness is simple- you can be anywhere in the sanctuary, moving about as you please; and, as with the reading, share that time slot with friends or family. The vigil witness is an extra person to be present; someone to greet folks as they arrive and depart, and ears to hear The Word.

Sign up for a time slot as either a reader, a witness, or both (at different times) beginning Sunday March 4. Nancy Zaenger will be in the breezeway after each service with the time chart and will also give you reminder slip with your time(s) written down. You will receive a reminder post card several days before the vigil. Nancy can be reached at 240-6191 or 209-2175.

We hope you’ll join us for this meaningful time.



# Children's News



## March Family Celebration

Join us on Friday March 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Baldrige Hall. Dress in your best ALL green outfit and come compete to see if you are the Minute to Win It champion. Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will be by donation.

**Please RSVP to Sarah by Wednesday March 14th.**

## Sunday School

Join us as we continue studying the Stories of Jesus:

3/4 Out of the Tomb

3/11 On the Road

3/18 With us Always

3/25 No Sunday School– Palm Sunday Brunch

Each week check your email for a Lenten Family Devotional. It will include a short activity and prayer to help families celebrate Lent. This activity will be something that you can do anytime during the week with supplies that you should have in your house already.

**You've Got Mail!**



**Please check out the separate children's newsletter for all the current information!**

### March Memory Verse Challenge

Once you have it memorized, come find Mrs. Sarah during Sunday school recite the verse and earn a prize. Bonus point if you take home the month's coloring page & bring it back nicely colored. Each verse you memorize will enter you into a grand prize to be drawn in May.

**Easy:** For nothing will be impossible with God.

Luke 1:37

**Challenging:** He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:6

**RETHINKCHURCH**  
*photo-a-day*

**February**

- 14 - SPIRIT
- 15 - WATER
- 16 - FULFILLED
- 17 - BELOVED
- 18 - CELEBRATE
- 19 - FOLLOW
- 20 - LOSE
- 21 - SAVE
- 22 - LIFE
- 23 - SUFFER
- 24 - GLORY
- 25 - CELEBRATE
- 26 - ZEAL
- 27 - CONSUME
- 28 - REMEMBER

**March**

- 1 - WORD
- 2 - SIGNS
- 3 - TESTIFY
- 4 - CELEBRATE
- 5 - LIFTED
- 6 - ETERNAL
- 7 - SEND
- 8 - SAVED
- 9 - LIGHT
- 10 - TRUE
- 11 - CELEBRATE
- 12 - WORSHIP
- 13 - SEE
- 14 - SERVES
- 15 - TROUBLED

**LENT 2018**  
FEB 14 - APR 1

- 16 - WALK
- 17 - DARKNESS
- 18 - CELEBRATE
- 19 - COSTLY
- 20 - ANOINTED
- 21 - PREPARE
- 22 - DISTRESSED
- 23 - DENY
- 24 - PRAY
- 25 - CELEBRATE
- 26 - AMAZEMENT
- 27 - REFUGE
- 28 - UNKNOWN
- 29 - UNDERSTAND
- 30 - DOUBT
- 31 - WAIT

**April 1 CELEBRATE**

SHARE YOUR PHOTO EACH DAY AND  
TAG WITH #RETHINKCHURCH

Be on the look out for the Palm Sunday Brunch sign up sheet. This year we will be combining with the Youth Ministry to raise funds to further support our Family Ministry. We are able to continue to provide low cost activities each month at our Family Celebrations with the funds raised at the Palm Sunday Brunch.

More information will be coming out the 1st week of March.



Join us on Sundays from 12:30-2:30 in Baldrige Hall. Anyone in grades 5th-12th are welcome!

3/4 Confirmation

3/11 No UMYF– Westside Weekend

3/18 Confirmation

3/25 Mario Kart Championship

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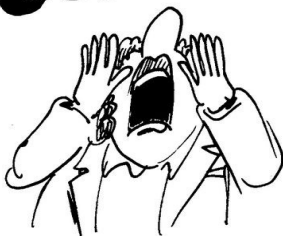


Join us on Wednesday's from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Starbuck's (by Qdoba) for our Bibles & Board Games. Anyone in grades 5th-12th are welcome.

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# Volunteers!



Please check out the separate youth newsletter for all the current information!

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   |
|--|--|---|---|
|  |  |   |   |
| 4 <i>Holy Communion</i><br>8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship<br>9:15 & 10:30 fellowship<br>9:45 t Sunday school<br>12:30-2:30 Youth Group<br><b>5:00Community Sunday supper</b>             | 5<br>7a UMM Breakfast<br>9a UMW Ex Bd<br>9-11 Ballet class<br>Noon Women's Emmaus<br><b>5:30 Missions Ministry</b>           | 6<br>9-12 Quick Care<br>10a Pastor Bible Study<br>11:15 prayer group<br>1-3 prayer shawl ministry<br>4-6 Community Garden open house in Baldrige Hall<br><b>7:00 SPRC</b> | 7<br>9-11 Ballet class<br>3 Youth Bible<br>Starbucks<br>5:30 Handbell<br>6:45 Sounds of<br>8:00 Celebration                               |
| 11<br>8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship<br>9:15 & 10:30 fellowship<br>9:45 Sunday school<br><b>5:00Community Sunday supper</b>  | 12<br>9-11 Ballet class<br>Noon Women's Emmaus<br>1:00 Caregiver Support   | 13<br>9-12 Quick Care<br>10a Pastor Bible Study<br>11:15 prayer group<br>1-3 prayer shawl ministry<br><b>7:00 Stew/Finance</b>  | 14<br>9-11 Ballet class<br><b>11:30 UMW</b><br>3 Youth Bible<br>Starbucks   |
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| 25 <b>Palm Sunday</b><br>8:15 9:45 & 11:15worship<br><b>9:00 brunch by family ministries</b><br>9:45 Sunday school<br>12:30-2:30 Youth Group<br><b>5:00Community Sunday supper</b> | 26<br><b>7: Holy Week Breakfasts begin here</b><br>9-11 Ballet class<br>Noon Women's Emmaus<br>1:00 Caregiver Support        | 27<br>7a Cedar Creek<br>9-12 Quick Care<br>10a Pastor Bible Study<br>11:15 prayer group<br>1-3 prayer shawl ministry  | 28<br>7a 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Ad<br>9-11 Ballet class<br>3 Youth Bible<br>Starbucks<br>5:30 Handbell<br>6:45 Sounds of<br>8:00 Celebration |



| Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|--|--|---|
|   | 2<br>9-12 Quick Care   | 3  | 4   |
| Class<br>& Games@<br>Is<br>of Faith<br>ion Voices               | 8<br>9-12 Quick Care<br><b>7:00 Taize worship</b>                      | 9<br><br>6-9 Parent's Night Out<br><br><i>Westside Weekend</i>                                       | 10<br><br><i>For youth</i>  |
| Class<br><b>luncheon</b><br>& Games@                            | 15<br>9-12 Quick Care  | 16<br>6-9 Family Celebration<br>Minute to Win It<br><b>7:00 Emmaus Info. Over<br/>Desert meeting</b> | 17<br><br>                                     |
| Class<br>& Games@<br>Is<br>of Faith<br>ion Voices<br><b>ogy</b> | 22<br>9-12 Quick Care  | 23<br>6-9 Parent's Night Out   | 24  |
| Adventist<br>Class<br>& Games@<br>Is<br>of Faith<br>ion Voices  | 29<br>7a All Saints Anglican<br><b>7pm Maundy Thursday<br/>service</b> | 30<br>7a Church on the Hill<br><b>7 pm Good Friday Ser-<br/>vice</b><br><br>Bible reading begins     | 31<br>Bible reading<br><br><br><br>continues |

# Birthdays

|                 |       |                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Elaine Baker    | 03/04 | Kevin Meiners   | 03/15 |
| Clayton Garner  | 03/04 | Jerry Lehl      | 03/17 |
| Alicea Vigil    | 03/04 | Jennie Anderson | 03/18 |
| Carol Erickson  | 03/05 | Kathy Harris    | 03/18 |
| Bob Shippy      | 03/06 | Sean Donohoe    | 03/18 |
| Kianna Koeltzow | 03/06 | Mitchell West   | 03/18 |
| Bob Gorsline    | 03/07 | Jim Rexroad     | 03/21 |
| Darlene Sprague | 03/08 | Clinton Impson  | 03/21 |
| Olivia Smith    | 03/09 | Sharon Hayes    | 03/22 |
| Ron Stonestreet | 03/10 | Gwen Carlile    | 03/23 |
| Joan Dunham     | 03/10 | Marcus Caudill  | 03/23 |
| Erin Hinshaw    | 03/10 | Richard Hanna   | 03/24 |
| Ruth Heath      | 03/11 | Margaret Krabbe | 03/24 |
| Tom Lamb        | 03/11 | Helen Wild      | 03/25 |
| Stan Hayes      | 03/11 | Todd Moser      | 03/26 |
| Casey Harrison  | 03/12 | Jessie Purcell  | 03/28 |
| Vern Dunham     | 03/13 | Lisa Armentrout | 03/28 |
| Kyle Armentrout | 03/14 | Sue King        | 03/28 |
| Robin Harrison  | 03/14 |                 |       |

# Anniversaries

Don & Jeanne Allen 03/25

Jim & Jan Rexroad 03/29

A.L. & Anne Grant Jr. 03/29

Lee & Karen Elliott 03/30

Bill & Phyllis Jones 03/31

Kenny & Sharon Jewell 03/31

## From Grocery Bags

**March 6**  
**April 3**

"PLARN" WORKSHOP

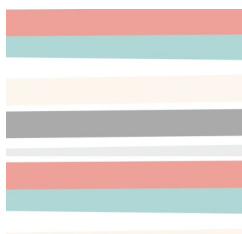
First TUESDAY of each Month

Room 1 (downstairs) 1 to 3 p.m.

Bring clean bags, scissors, and *spirit*!

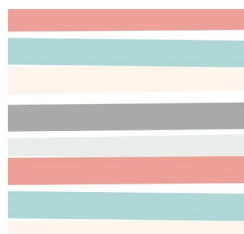


## To Sleeping Mats



# T W E E N

*Middle School*



Join us on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Baldrige Hall. Anyone in grades 4th– 8th are welcome!

3/2 Lucky or Blessed?

3/16 No Tween—Family Celebration

**Did you know about our great nursery programs?**



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
SHELLY HUBBARD 417-9277

Need  
a moment

alone?

**Try Quick Care**

Every Thursday Morning

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

\$10.00 per child

\$20.00 family max

Not a member?

Not a problem.

Open to the Public!

Hope, Joy, Inspiration and Friendship...  
Join Us and Celebrate.

**We Welcome You!**



For more information contact:  
Shelly Hubbard 417-9277

## *Parent's* **Night Out**

2nd & 4th Friday  
Every Month!  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

\$10.00 per child  
\$20.00 family max

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### **Parents Night Out:**

This is a great opportunity to have some adult time while your kids are well cared for! Parents Night Out is open to the community so tell your friends about it.

Hours: 6:00—9:00 p.m.

The cost is \$10.00 per child with a family cap of \$20.00

**March 9** All about St. Patrick's Day  
Leprechauns, Irish accents and green all around!

**March 23** Rainbow Fun  
Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo... Oh My!



## **United Methodist Women Newsletter**

**--Friday, Mar. 2:** World Day of Prayer

**--Monday, Mar. 5:** Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Program: Call to Prayer and Self Denial

Hostesses: Hope Circle

**NO RESERVATIONS** are needed. Just come and join us. Cost of Luncheon is \$5.00

**--Tuesday, Mar. 6:** 4:00-6:30, Community Garden Open House at MUMC, with Valley Food

Partnership. Experts available for questions, sign up to win free garden plot.

**--Thursday, Mar. 8:** International Women's Day

**--Emmaus Weekends:** Men's weekend-Apr. 5-8; Women's weekend-Apr. 12-15

**--Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation Sunday. One service that day with brunch following the service.

## **Circle Meetings in January**

**Mary and Elizabeth:** Thursday, Mar. 15, 7:00 p.m.

Hostess: Micki Kintner

**Mary Olive:** Thursday, Mar. 22, 9:00 a.m.

Hostess: Linda Pavlich

**Hope:** Thursday, Mar. 22, 9:00 a.m.

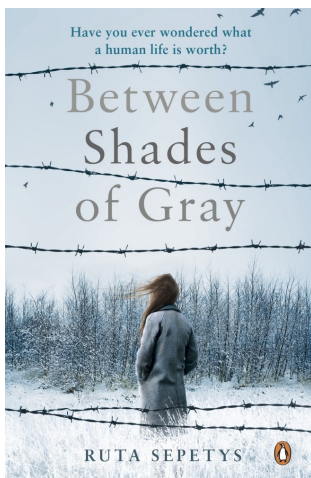
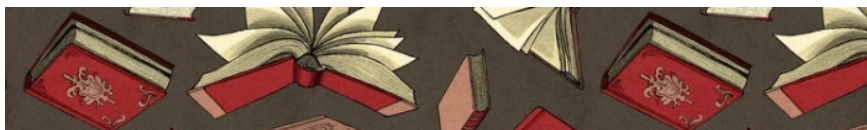
Hostess: Shirley Lehl

**Faith:** Thursday, Mar. 22, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Melba Teague

We are seeing some new faces in church which is so exciting. The UMW would like to invite anyone who would like to get involved (as much or as little) with our ministry. Joining a circle is a great way to get to know us in a smaller, more intimate, setting. The monthly luncheon is for ALL women (men are welcome as well, especially since some of them do the dishes) and we would love to have you join us.

**The Purpose of United Methodist Women:** The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is: **To know God** and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; **To develop a creative** supportive fellowship; and **To expand concepts** of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



### **Brown Bag Book Club**

The Brown Bag book Club will be meeting in the alcove (back of the sanctuary) from now on. This month's meeting will be March 20th at 11:45. This month's book will be

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys.

## Interested In Gardening?

Join us to learn about Montrose community garden plots.

**March 6, 2018, 4:00-6:30 p.m.**

Here at Montrose UMC!

Dig a little deeper with us! Valley Food Partnership and your local community garden invite you to Community Garden Open House, learn about our local community gardens. You will be able to sign up for a garden plot, chat with a Master Gardener, visit with local farmers, and learn all about locally grown food... and WHY you should be growing your! Enter to win a spot in one of the gardens for the 2018 growing season and enter our seed bundle giveaways to get you started this season!



For Questions (?) please contact Emily (970) 249-0705

[Emily@valleyfoodpartnership.org](mailto:Emily@valleyfoodpartnership.org)



**April Newsletter Deadline is Monday, March 19!**

Submit a Publicity Form (found in the outside church office) with details of an upcoming event to Rachael in the church office via email to:

[secretary@montroseumc.org](mailto:secretary@montroseumc.org)

Your help is appreciated in getting the information out for all our upcoming events!